

#30.2-30.3 Great Western Trail - South Sections

Length: 5.1 miles

Time: 2.5 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Elevation Gain: 928 feet



Description: The Great Western Trail passes through a delightful camping area on top of the mountain with improved campsites called “Farmington Flats” (POI #48). There are flowing streams and lush meadows to enjoy with wildlife everywhere. These sections of the Great Western Trail go from the top of Farmington Canyon Road at the Francis Peak turnoff to Skyline Drive above Centerville. Section #30.2 ends at the south end of Farmington Flats where the jeep road becomes a hiking trail. Section #30.3 begins here and goes south to Skyline Dr. From these lofty trails, you can see down into Morgan valley to the east.

Access Locations:

Access #1 - Francis Peak Turnoff: From Main Street, go east on 600 N., then north on 100 E. (Farmington Canyon Rd.). Go all the way up the canyon to a road with a gate that branches off to the left toward the FAA radome on Francis Peak. Go up the road toward Francis Peak a short distance until you see the snow plow shops on the right. Section #30.2 begins here at the shops and goes east on a gravel road before looping south around Farmington Flats. There is an improved campground and large meadow at Farmington Flats.

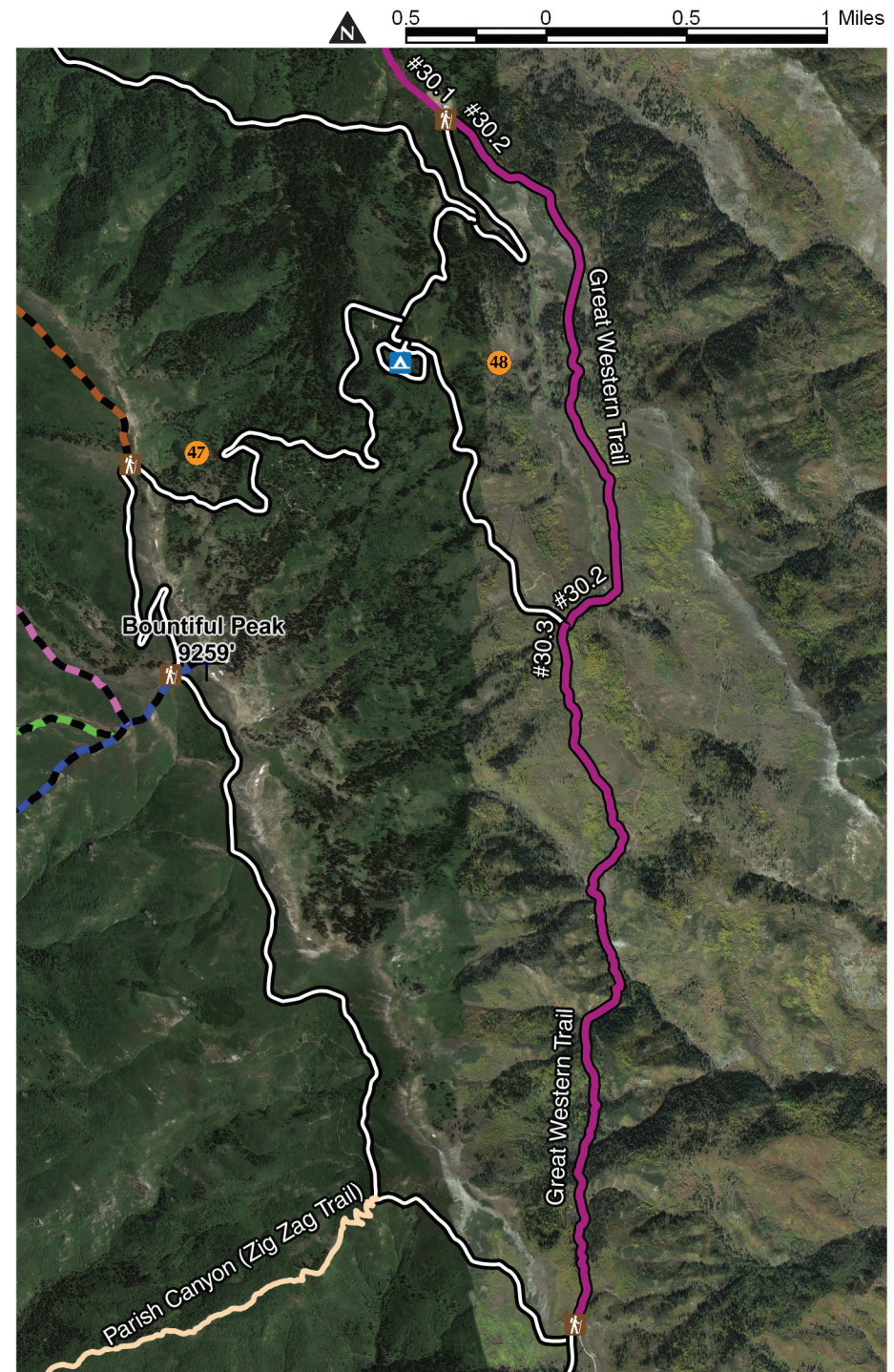
Access #2 - Farmington Flats Trailhead with Parking: The Farmington Flats campground is a good place to park and begin your hike to either the north or the south. Section #30.3 continues south of the meadows on a footpath for many miles east of Centerville.

Access #3 - Skyline Drive Trailhead with Parking: Go east up 400 N. in Bountiful. Turn left at 1300 E. and wind through the houses until you reach the road that goes up Ward Canyon, which passes directly underneath the block “B” on the hillside. Drive several miles until you reach a large parking lot looking down into Morgan Valley. Park here and hike to the north through an opening in the buck rail fence. This is the south end of section #30.3.

Features:

- The trail is part of an international trail that will one day tie the U.S. to Canada and Mexico.
- Motorized vehicles are permitted on some sections.
- Enjoy great views of the Great Salt Lake valley to the west and Morgan valley to the east.
- Farmington Flats is a great place to camp and play on top of the mountain.

Trail Surface and Status: The trail is mostly a gravel road for street vehicles to the north of Farmington Flats and a hiking trail to the south.



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